BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into the ratemaking implications for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) pursuant to the Commission's Alternative Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code for PG&E, in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, In re Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Case No. 01-30923 DM.

Investigation 02-04-026 (Filed April 22, 2002)

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUIRING NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS

Because public participation hearings have been set in this proceeding with insufficient time to give notice to the public through bill inserts, and good cause appearing, **IT IS RULED** that Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall place the notice attached hereto at least twice in a prominent position in a local paper serving the community in which the public participation hearing is held.

Dated July 29, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ROBERT BARNETT

Robert Barnett

Administrative Law Judge

ATTACHMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

TO ALL PERSONS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California has set a series of formal Public Participation Hearings regarding the costs and ratemaking implications of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's settlement agreement being considered under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Commission has scheduled time to hear public views regarding the proposed settlement agreement.

Formal Public Participation Hearings in Investigation 02-04-026:

Wednesday, August 13, 2003 Southeast Community Commission Facility Alex Pitcher Community Room 1800 Oakdale Avenue San Francisco, CA 94124 8 p.m. Bankruptcy Public Participation Hearing

Tuesday, August 19, 2003 Steel Lane Community Center 415 Steele Lane Santa Rosa, CA 95403 8 p.m. Bankruptcy Public Participation Hearing

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Tuesday, August 26, 2003 Department of General Services 2550 Mariposa Mall, Room 1036 Fresno, CA 93721 8 p.m. Bankruptcy Public Participation Hearing

Wednesday, August 27, 2003 Sands Suite and Motel Conference Room, 1930 Monterey Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93721 8 p.m. Bankruptcy Public Participation Hearing

BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Dated July 29, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN

ANGELA K. MINKIN Chief Administrative Law Judge

(END OF ATTACHMENT)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Notice of Public Participation Hearings on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated July 29, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

Ke Huang

NOTICE

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to ensure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.